

Chapter VI: Plan Maintenance and Coordination

Responsible Parties

The Carbon County Commissioners will be responsible for ensuring that the CWPP/PDM Plan is kept current. With the adoption of this plan, the commissioners designate the Carbon County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator and the Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as the co-leads in accomplishing this ongoing responsibility on their behalf.

Review Triggers

Any of the following three situations could trigger review and update of the plan.

1. The occurrence of a major natural disaster either in Carbon County or nearby.
2. The passage of time.
3. A change in state or federal regulations with which the county must comply.

Criteria for Evaluating the Plan

When review of the PDM plan is triggered by one of the three situations listed above, the plan will also be evaluated for effectiveness and comprehensiveness. The criteria against which the plan will be evaluated will include, but not be limited to;

- Whether any potential natural hazards have developed that were not addressed in the plan,
- Whether any disasters have occurred which were not addressed in the plan,
- Whether any unanticipated development has occurred that could be vulnerable to natural disasters, and
- Whether any additional mitigation project ideas have been developed.

Procedures

Should a major natural disaster occur in Carbon County, the LEPC shall meet following the disaster to review the after action report. Upon review of this report, any changes needed to the CWPP/PDM Plan will be recommended to the County Commission and made by the County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator following their concurrence.

In the absence of a major natural disaster, each July starting in 2006, the LEPC will meet to review the CWPP/PDM Plan and recommend any needed changes. The LEPC meeting will be noticed in the Carbon County News and the public, individuals who served on the Steering Committee for development of the original

plan, and members of the County Fire Council will be encouraged to attend. In the interim, the County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator/County Fire Warden will maintain a file into which comments or input on changes to the plan can be kept. The comments in this file will be provided at the LEPC/public meeting to review the plan.

Finally, should state or federal regulations with which the County must comply be significantly changed, the County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator will notice and hold an LEPC meeting. At this meeting he/she will inform the LEPC of the new requirements and together with the LEPC, determine whether changes to the CWPP/PDM Plan are warranted.

Every five years, beginning in 2010, the CWPP/PDM Plan will be submitted to Montana Disaster Emergency Services and subsequently to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval.

Incorporation into other Plans

Carbon County has a Growth Policy and subdivision regulations. The city of Red Lodge has a growth policy and development code. The County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was recently updated. When revisions of either of the growth policies or the EOP are scheduled, the County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator will make the governing body aware of the CWPP/PDM Plan and encourage consideration of the contents of the CWPP/PDM Plan in the growth policy and EOP revisions. None of the other communities in the county have growth policies.

The County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator was extensively involved in the preparation of the PDM Plan. The Coordinator will direct consideration of the PDM plan as appropriate during implementation of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system and during the development of the upcoming Interoperable Communications Strategy.